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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: TBIO, DR
SUBJ: LAETRILE (AMYGDALIN) UNKNOWN IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

REF: STATE 49069

1. LAETRILE, OR AMYGDALIN, IS NEITHER AVAILABLE NOR USED IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. DURING MEETING WITH EMBOFF, REPRESENTATIVE OF DOMINICAN MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH SAID THAT NO APPLICATION TO REGISTER THE DRUG FOR SALE HAD BEEN RECEIVED. SUCH APPLICATION IS THE NECESSARY FIRST STEP TO LEGALIZING USE OF ANY DRUG IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. THE OFFICIAL ADDED THAT THE CANCER INSTITUTE AT THE AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF SANTO DOMINGO OCCASIONALLY USES, FOR EXPERIMENTAL TREATMENT, DRUGS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED FOR REGISTRATION BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH MINISTRY. THERE IS, HOWEVER, NO USE OF LAETRILE AT THE CANCER INSTITUTE EITHER.

2. THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH, UPON RECEIPT OF A DRUG FOR REGISTRATION, CONDUCTS CHEMICAL TESTS TO DETERMINE THAT CONTENTS OF THE DRUG ARE AS STATED BY THE MANUFACTURER. IF THEY ARE NOT OR IF FULL DETAIL OF CHEMICAL COMPOSITION IS NOT PROVIDED BY THE MANUFACTURER, THE DRUG WILL NOT BE REGISTERED FOR SALE IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. ADDITIONALLY, IF THE DRUG MAY NOT BE LEGALLY SOLD IN THE COUNTRY WHERE IT IS MANUFACTURED, IT MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR REGISTRATION IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. NO OTHER SAFETY OR EFFICACY EVALUATIONS ARE ROUTINELY MADE PRIOR TO APPROVAL OF THE DRUG FOR SALE TO THE PUBLIC AND/OR DOCTORS.

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3. IN RECENT YEARS ONLY ONE DRUG FOR CANCER TREATMENT HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE CONSIDERATION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH MINISTRY. IT WAS CALLED EXTRACT H-II, PRODUCED BY STANDARD LABORATORIES LTD., SUDBURY-ON-THAMES, ENGLAND, AND PURPORTED TO ALLEVIATE PAIN AND COMFORTABLY PROLONG THE LIFE OF CANCER VICTIMS. IT WAS NOT HERALDED AS A CURE. REGISTRATION WAS DENIED BY THE

MINISTRY BECUASE THE CHEMICAL COMPOSITION OF THE EXTRACT WAS
NOT PROVIDED IN FULL DETAIL.
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